GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3039
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USE OF SILVER FOIL
Kharventhan Shri Salarapatty Kuppusamy

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the use of silver foil in the preparation of sweets and other eatables are highly harmful for human consumption which contains nickel, lead, chromium and cadmium;

(b) whether cases of violation of PFA Act has come to the notice of the Government;

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(d) the action taken by the Government in each case?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) The standard for silver leaf (Chandi ka warq) food grade is prescribed under Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules, 1955. It shall contain not less than 99.9 percent of silver.

(b) to (d) The implementation of PFA Act and Rules, 1955 is carried out by States/UTs Food Health Authorities who take samples from time to time and take necessary action as per the provisions of PFA Act, 1954, wherever the samples are found to be not conforming to standards for violating the provisions of PFA Act, 1954 and PFA Rules, 1955.The States/UTs Governments have been requested to check the samples of silver leaf used in food and take necessary action in case of violation of provisions of PFA Rules, 1955.